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AMENDMENT

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In response to the Office action mailed October 2, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 51 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 45 and 62 to read as follows:

Sub 61
45. A method for providing a user access over a data network to select billing records associated with a telecommunications account of the user, the method comprising:

storing billing records associated with the user's telecommunications account in a data base, wherein said stored billing records include new billing records for which an invoice has not yet been issued to the user, and wherein said new billing records include individual transaction charges from a plurality of entities;

receiving a query containing one or more parameters from the user over the data network, the query seeking which of the billing records associated with the user's telecommunications account satisfy the one or more parameters of the query;